Work Plan for Utilising the Capabllity of NRIs

† 2945. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether non-resident Indians and people of Indian Origin living abroad have immense capabilities regarding intellectual, managerial and entrepreneurial resources;

(b) if so, whether government have formulated any plan to utilise these capabilities for the development of the Country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VTKHE PATIL):

(a) to (c) A High Level Committee on Indian Diaspora has been constituted in the Ministry of External Affcirs under the Chairmanship of Dr. L.M. Singhvi, which would study, *inter alia,* the role of Non-resident Indians (NRIs) and Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) may play in the economic, social and technological development of the country.

Grants-in-Aid to North Eastern States

2946. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of grants-in-aid given to cover non-plan gap on Revenue Account as per recommendation of Eleventh Finance Commission to each State of the North-East under Article 275(1) of our Constitution;

(b) the total assistance for upgradation of standard of administration and specific grants for special problem recommended by Eleventh Finance Commission to each North-East State; and

(c) the grants released, so far, t< the North-Eastern States for the local bodies, State-wise?

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) A Statement is enclosed.

Statement

Grants-in-aid recommended by eleventh finance commission in its main report for 2000-05 to north east states is given as under

State	Non-Plan Revenue	Deficit	Upgradation Special Problems	Local Bodies Recommended Released
Arunachal Pradesh	1228.02	90.59	28.52	2.92
Assam	110.68	132.54	254.99	51.60
Manipur	1744.94	58.59	23.17	8.39
Meghalaya	1572.38	57.39	28.31	10.78
Mizoram	1676.30	89.84	11.70	4.68
Nagaland	3536.24	62.84	14.66	5.50
Sikkim	840.58	66.78	5.50	2.16
Tripura,'	2414.16	60.18	32.48,	12.19
TOTAL	13123.30	618.75	399.33	97.62

N.B. In Its Supplementary Report on the Additional Term of Reference, the Commission has recommended that 15% of the Non-Plan revenue deficit grants meant for 15 States during 2000-05 and a matching contribution by Central Government be credited Into an Incentive Fund from which fiscal performance based grants should be made available to all the States.

Loans to Media and TV Companies

2947. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of nationalised banks including UTI which have given financial assistance by way of loan, equity and working capital to the Media and TV Companies; and

(b) what are the names of such companies and the amount of assistance and nature thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.